

Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Newsletter

March 2025

www.oursaviorschurch.info

HEAR IT, FEEL IT, LIVE IT, SHARE IT – GOD'S LOVE

Dear siblings in Christ,

The other day I was picking up my daughter from daycare, and as she walked to the car she pointed up and told me to look at a cloud up in the sky. I did, and I realized when I looked up that it had been such a long time since I had even taken a moment to just *look* at the sky! It's so huge! And the clouds—none of them look the same! And that deep sky blue, the way that it deepens further the higher up in the sky you look! It was a sensory experience I would have entirely missed if I hadn't been invited to just *look*.

Perhaps you've had a similar experience. Maybe it's been a crazy season of your life, and just noticing for more than a passing moment the sound of geese in the air, or the scent of pine, or the feel of your couch, or the taste of your lunch, is just too much to ask for. Maybe you've felt disconnected from your world or your senses in the past, because of something that was troubling your mind or occupying your every waking thought. Being asked to notice, to take in your senses, has been hard.

It can be easy, especially given how much we all have to do, to rush through our days from one obligation to the next. And it can be hard, given all that, to take a moment and take in the world around us. But it's good to slow down from time to time, to "smell the roses." God has given us an amazing creation, and put our senses together in just such a way that we can absorb it and appreciate it. We can see God in and through all of the elements of creation, because God shows up in the stuff we can sense. We just need the time to stop and do it.

So that's what we're going to do this Lent. We will be taking the time out of our weekly routines to notice how God is shown to us in our senses. How those senses interact with who we are to make connections between memory, hope, faith, and feeling. For our midweek worship services, we will be focusing on one of the five senses each week—sight, sound, scent, touch, and taste. There will be stations set up in the sanctuary each week for you to interact with that week's sense, and find God's presence there.

I invite you to come, and sense God.

In Christ,
Pastor Lucas

God calls us to the waters of baptism, and as we enter the months ahead,
keep in mind the following dates that are open for baptisms.

April 19th, May 18th

Contact the Office if any of these dates would work for your family.
office.osbeldenville@gmail.com, 715-273-4570

Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

February 04, 2025

Call Meeting to Order: President Tim Wiff at 7:00 PM.

Attending: Debbi Pittman, Pastor Lucas, Donna Constant, Ron Halverson, Mike Rehbein, Tim Wiff, Audrey Severson, Mark Jensen, Sue Palmquist, Steve Straub

Absent: John Traun, Ann Young, Patricia Peterson

Opening Devotions: Pastor Lucas, Luke, 5th Chapter.

New Business:

Inspection of fire extinguishers by Summit found 7 of the 8 fire extinguishers require replacement. Summit stated smaller extinguishers than what we have meet the requirements. These smaller extinguishers are \$105 each. Motion to replace the 7 fire extinguishers with the \$105 units per Summit inspection by Donna, seconded by Mark, M/C.

FFA Tractor Pull is the 7th of June.

Motion to ask congregation for volunteers at the tractor pull to earn \$1,000 that goes to the church by Pastor, seconded by Sue, M/C.

Old Business:

Council discussed looking into possibly reducing the number of council members required. Constitution lists 8 council members plus Pastor, secretary, treasurer, president and vice president.

There will be a contemporary service worship planning meeting on Feb 23rd after the service for anyone interested. Meeting is to gather ideas on what people are interested in.

Elevator phone, additional information being gathered from Rath, the manufacturer of the phone currently in the elevator.

Secretary's Report:

Motion to approve Secretary's Report by Ron, seconded by Donna, M/C.

Treasurer's Report:

Designated Account	\$58,734.41
General Account	\$1,824.87
Money Market	\$35,824.99
Total	\$96,384.27

The Edward Jones CDs account: \$165,658.23

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report by Mark, seconded by Steve, M/C.

Pastor's Report:

Assisted Patricia with S.O.S. Kids Crew. The 3 confirmation lessons were on the Apostles Creed. Confirmands will be invited to lead in Lent. There have been multiple falls and sickness. Though members are hurting in body, mind, or soul, has been amazing watching the way we come together to support, encourage, pray for, and provide for one another in our times of need!

Attended the St. Croix Conference and Moses Project winter Conference.

Visited and provided communion to shut-ins and members at the care centers.

Motion to approve Pastor's Report by Sue, seconded by Audrey, M/C.

Continued on next page...

Our Savior's Council Meeting Minutes

Youth Report:

Youth Fundraisers: The bulletin board has 60 remaining envelopes. Thank you for supporting the 2025 Mission Trip! The board is up until May.

Cinnamon Roll Sunday: Chase Unser & Maddie Constant led, the amount raised was \$315.00.

Youth Night/Confirmation: Wednesday February 5th 6-7pm will be playing BINGO at the Ellsworth Health Services.

S.O.S. Kids Crew Wednesday February 19th staff from Luther Point Bible Camp will join us.

S.O.S. Kids Crew Wednesday March 19th, will not have S.O.S. this Ash Wednesday due to Ellsworth School District spring break. Youth/Family Meal will be during Lent Supper.

Family Pool Party: Sunday March 2nd 11am – 1pm at the Klaas-Jonas Community Pool. All are invited, snacks, drinks will be provided.

Motion to approve Youth Report by Steve, seconded by Donna, M/C.

Committee Reports:

Stewardship Committee:

Discussed the Stewards of Our Savior's gifts of time and talent survey. The survey was gathered electronically and on paper. Categories were worship, helping, learning, and caring. Additional 4 questions followed to gather individual ideas and thoughts. Summary for next meeting.

Worship Committee:

Discussed possibility of pulpit rotation. Lent begins March 5th.

Conflict Detection: None

Adjourn: about 8:00 PM

Motion to adjourn by Pastor, seconded by Ron, M/C.

Closing Prayer: The Lord's Prayer

Next Council Meeting: March 04, 2025.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Rehbein

Support Our Mission with eGiving

This year, consider making your seasonal gift amount,
by using our eGiving tools.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church offers online:
www.oursaviorschurch.info "give" tab,
Text-to-Give: 833-506-0632.



Our Savior's Preliminary Annual Meeting Minutes

February 16, 2025

Call Meeting to Order: President Tim Wiff at 10:12 AM

Attending: Approximately 42 members. Held in OSLC Fellowship Hall

Opening Prayer: Pastor Lucas

Door Prizes: Drawings for fun door prizes happened throughout the meeting. See list of winners on next page.

Minutes of 2024 Annual Meeting:

Brian J. made motion to approve minutes from the Feb. 18, 2024 annual meeting, seconded by Rhoda F. M/C

Report from Pastor Lucas: Highlighted personal goals, both for 2024 and 2025. Celebrated 5 confirmations of young people, Right Now Media ministry opportunity, new style of confirmation curriculum, partnership with HEART, Monday Coffee & Conversation group, New Bishop. He also shared opportunities for ministry growth in 2025. Motion made by Lanette P, 2nd by Dave J to approve, M/C.

Treasurer Report:

Treasurer, Debbi P, was absent. Financial reports were included in the Annual Meeting Packet.

General Account Balance	\$4,233.33
Designated Account Balance	\$56,688.15
Money Market	\$35,787.00
Edward Jones CD	
	\$55,000.00 5.2%
	\$50,000.00 5.00%
	\$50,000.00 5.05%
CCF Bank CD	
	\$50,000.00

Tim invited questions, offering to answer if he was able, or he would find out from Debbi and respond later.

Motion to approve was made by Rhoda F, 2nd by Donna C, M/C.

Audit Committee Report:

Randy W. advised that he and Rhoda F performed audit on all the main church accounts, plus the WELCA, & Endowment Fund, finding everything to be in order. Rhoda F made motion, 2nd by Sue P to approve. M/C

2025 Proposed Budget:

Tim reviewed the council proposed budget of \$196,265 for 2025, indicating the most significant increases were in areas of salaries and property insurance. Julie W moved to approve, Ron H 2nd, M/C.

Endowment Committee Report:

Ann Young gave report from Endowment Cmte. indicating \$2,690.53 in interest income. Assets total \$144,263.64 as of 1/1/2025. \$2,700 will be disbursed this year, up from \$2600 in 2024. Allocations for each category were reviewed and approved. Motion was made by Bruce P, 2nd by Mike A and carried. Ann gave a special thank you to Gina Place and Nadalie Place who have both served 2 terms (6 years) on this committee.

Fairstand & Lutefisk Supper Funds Disbursal:

Tim listed each organization along with the dollar amount that council has proposed to give. The total suggested disbursement being \$30,359.69. \$6,600 from Lutefisk Supper, \$19,000 from Fairstand, and \$4,700 carry-over from 2024. On motion made by Tom H and 2nd by Randy W these disbursements were approved.

Continued on next page.....

Our Savior's Preliminary Annual Meeting Minutes

Nominating Committee Report:

Tom H named the nominees for each of the open positions for church council and various committees. He also named the current members who have accepted a 2nd term.

Election of Officers & Committee Members:

Hearing no additional nominations, discussion, or questions, Tim called for the vote. Randy W made a motion, 2nd by Patricia P to elect all candidates as listed. M/C. (See separate attachment.) Tim expressed thanks, both to those who have completed their terms as well as all newly elected, for their service.

Old Business:

Tim listed many of our 2024 highlights, including: Oyster stew/soup lunch, Lent and Easter activities with fireworks, 5 Confirmations, Pancake breakfast, New Members Reception, Honoring HS Graduates, and the Mission Trip to Illinois. Also mentioned Successful softball season with completed ballpark improvements, PC Fair, El Paso Days worship, God's Work our Hands Day, Bibles to Youth, Feed My Starving Children, Blessing of Hunters, Operation Christmas Child, Light up the Fair, Gift Box Program. And Sunday School Christmas Program, Candy Walk, Christmas Caroling, Christmas Meals for 28 families, Quilts & baby care kits, North Carolina flood victims care packages, and more...

New Business:

Donna informed members of the "1860 Softball Tournament" where teams will come to play with the uniforms, equipment, and rules from the year 1860. This will take place at our ballpark. Date is August 23, 2025.

OS Cemetery Assoc. Annual Meeting: (Separate report attached.)

See the full [Our Savior's Lutheran Church 2024 Annual Report](#) for more details and other reports.

Adjournment: On motion by Tom H, 2nd by Dave J. meeting adjourned at 11:04AM

Respectfully submitted by: Mike Rehbein, Secretary

Door Prize Winners:

Brian Johnson	Jodi Wiff	Belinda Foley
Jill Jordahl	Tom Holdorf	Julie Winger
Emily Bowen	Mark Jensen	Julie Jensen
Patricia Peterson	Dave Jordahl	

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT & SERVE

What Does the ELCA do?

LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE - AN AGENCY OF THE OUR ELCA

Sometimes we concentrate only what is around us in our mission of our church, but our neighbor is also worldwide. Our ELCA Churchwide organization does much for domestic and international relief through LUTHERAN DISASTER RESPONSE agency. This ELCA response shares God's love, hope, healing and renewal with people whose lives have been disrupted by disasters in the USA and around the world. They collaborate with other local disaster response organizations and religious entities to enable the greatest stewardship of resources. The ELCA contacts local synods in the areas hit by disasters to coordinate needs. They stay around to the end to provide ongoing assistance to those in need. Our ELCA disaster relief has helped in the flooding in the East, hurricanes in the South, tornadoes in the south and east, severe cold weather in Texas and recently the wildfires in California. If you are interested in helping with the fire damage there, contribution to the Lutheran Disaster Response will be used 100% to that cause indicated. You can go online to Lutheran Disaster Response to give to the area of your choice.



FOOD PANTRY NEEDS: The Pierce County Food Pantry continues to need certain items. For the month of **MARCH** we will be collecting;

**Birthday Bags, Birthday Candles, Birthday Plates & Napkins,
Dry Soup, Feminine Products**

Please put the items in the grocery cart in the back of the church.

Thank you for showing your concern.

Money donations accepted as well. Did you know that every dollar donated can purchase \$7 worth of food?

Online donations @hungerpreventioncouncil.net, call 715-273-2070 or to arrange a food drive sponsored by your family or organization.

Let's help end hunger in Pierce County.

2025
Preferred Senior Living
&
Ellsworth Health Services
Worship Schedule for Our Savior's
Wednesday March 12th
1:30pm Preferred Senior Living,
2:30pm Ellsworth Health Services
May 14th, July 23rd,
October 15th, December 10th
November 13th



In Need of Prayer!

John Murphy, Jeff Taplin, Alan Winberg, Herman Olson, Bob Dahm, Terryl Florcek, Dean Mewes, John Paape, Eldon Schellfeffer, and Kristen Anderson. The men and women that are deployed; Ian Gilby, Brady Sharon, Mathew Normand, Reuben Huppert, Kohl Flock, Wyatt Roed, Ryan Orpen, Ella Wynveen.

If you know of anyone that should be on our prayer list please contact the office.

The names will be on the prayer list for two weeks unless specified.



WALKING TOGETHER
 MARCH 22, 2025
 BETHANY LUTHERAN - RICE LAKE, WI

\$25 PER PARTICIPANT

REGISTRATION:
<https://nwswi.org/walking-together-epic>

REGISTRATION DEADLINE
 March 14, 2025



HEART's mission is to transform communities by demonstrating God's love in practical ways.

Heart-Helping Others Heart was created to help those in need. Through this organization, we can shop and bid on items at significantly discounted prices. Shopping appointments are arranged for us, and purchases made go directly to those in need. We are partnering with the Ellsworth School District and Pierce County Human Services to identify families who would benefit most from this support.

This is a valuable opportunity to stretch our resources and reach out to those in need. If you would like to contribute to this initiative, please designate "Heart" on your donations., or contact Donna Constant



Dear Members of Our Savior's, I wish you all well. You are often in my thoughts and prayers. I thank you so much for supporting me this next year of Seminary. Your support really makes a difference and allows me to keep focusing on my schooling to become a Pastor. God bless each and everyone of you, Donald Rosenberry.

Thank you, for your donation of \$1,000.00 to St. Croix Valley Habitat for Humanity and for sharing in our vision of safe, affordable housing. We are grateful for your generous and loving congregation. Thank you so much! We can't wait to see you out on site. Kristie Smith, Executive Director.

Women's ELCA Synod Women's Organization of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin

Morning of Renewal
 St. Croix Valley Conference
 Saturday, April 5, 2025
 Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
 505 13th Street South, Hudson, WI

\$15 Admission Fee
 (includes program and lunch)

8:30am - 9:15am
 Registration and Coffee

9:15am - 11:30am ~ Event
 11:30 ~ Lunch & Craft Sale
 (proceeds go to Eyes that See)

Nikki (Powers) Ness, founder of Eyes That See

Nikki is a New Richmond native and NRHS graduate. She is the founder of **Eyes That See**, a non-profit organization located in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. They are committed to fighting poverty and injustice through community, education, and empowerment, specifically through helping women leave the sex industry. They provide safe housing, medical care, counseling, education, and vocational training, as well as a strong sense of community and belonging.



Mt. Zion has decided on a Western theme for the event (Round-up for Jesus) and would like to invite everyone who is interested to come dressed up in Western themed clothing (think cowboy hats, bandanas, cowboy boots, etc).

Mt. Zion is also partnering with Turning Point in River Falls and would appreciate any of the following "in-kind" donations: shampoo/conditioner, body wash/lotion and combs/brushes. Please bring the day of the event.



MARCH

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Altar Guilds: Audrey Severson Ann Young Money Counters: Tim Wiff Steve Straub						1
2 9am Worship/Livestream No SS Hour 10am Fellowship Hour 11am Family Pool Party	3 10am Coffee and Conversation	4 7pm Council Meeting	5 Ash Wednesday 5:30pm Lent Supper 6:30pm Lent Service	6	7	8
9 9am Worship/Livestream 9:15am SS Hour 10am Fellowship Hour	10	11	12 1:30pm Preferred Senior Living Service 2:30pm Ellsworth Health Services 5:30pm Lent Supper 6:30pm Lent Service	13	14	15 8am Men in Mission Meeting
16 9am Worship/Livestream No SS hour 10am Fellowship Hour	17 10am Coffee and Conversation	18	19 4pm S.O.S. Kids Crew 5:30pm Lent Supper 6:30pm Lent Service	20	21	22 Walking Together
23 9am Worship/Livestream 9:15am SS Hour 10am Fellowship Hour	24	25	26 8:30am Quilting 5:30pm Lent Supper 6:30pm Lent Service	27	28	29
30 9am Worship/Livestream No SS Hour 10am Fellowship Hour	31					

Greeter's/Ushers

Tech Assistant

Acolyte

Reader

Bell Ringer

**Assisting
Minister**

March 2nd 9:00AM	Clair & Audrey Severson	Patricia Peterson Tim Wiff	Megan Peterson Brady Peterson	Audrey Severson	Roger Laughnan	Tom Holdorf
March 9th 9:00AM	Mike & Katie Allyn	Marti Allyn Steve Straub	Isaac Yunker Wyatt Kirchner	Kay Berg	Roger Laughnan	Rhoda Foley
March 16th 9:00AM	Darrin & Lindsay Christopherson	Nora Christopherson Tim Wiff	Wyatt Goodier Kaia Christopherson	Larry Peterson	Roger Laughnan	Sue Palmquist
March 23rd 9:00AM	Brian & Barry Johnson	Luke Lundstrom Steve Straub	Hadley Coulson Ben Johnson	Michael Chisholm	Roger Laughnan	Lanette Place
March 30th 9:00am	Mary Halls Lori Coulson	Jake Knight Tim Wiff	Brody Flynn Eli Stockwell	Mary Halls	Roger Laughnan	Ann Young

Thank you for your participation in our worship service. Each ministry participant is greatly appreciated. If you cannot serve on the date assigned, please trade with someone or call Lori Coulson, Mary Halls, or Vicki Bowen if you have any questions. Lori: 715-821-3731 Mary: 715-307-0842, Vicki: 612-756-5067. Instructions for each ministry position are posted in the narthex.

Our Savior's Lutheran Church
N6450 530th Street
Beldenville WI 54003
Phone: (715) 273-4570
Pastor Lucas Ladnier
Email: pastor.osbeldenville@gmail.com
Office.osbeldenville@gmail.com
www.oursaviorschurch.info

March 2025 Newsletter

